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Official meetings

Friday, 6 October 2006

Security Council

10 a.m. — 5544th meeting (closed) — Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop contributing countries to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

10.45 a.m. — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Letter dated 4 July 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/481)

UNOMIG (S/2006/771)

Other matters

Morning[1] — 5545th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

   Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan (S/2006/728)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. — 1597th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 9

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General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room

3–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1p.m. . . . 6th meeting . . . Conference Room

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 82 to 97): *item 82* (A/61/133 and A/61/133/Add.1); *item 83* (A/61/183 and A/61/190); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/61/161); *item 86*; *item 87* (A/61/140 (Part I)); *item 88*; *item 89*; *item 90* (A/61/98, A/61/112, A/61/113, A/61/114, A/61/116, A/61/118, A/61/118/Add.1, A/61/124, A/61/127, A/61/159, A/61/159/Corr.1, A/61/164, A/61/168, A/61/169, A/61/169/Add.1, A/61/171, A/61/171/Add.1, A/61/185, A/61/261, A/61/288, A/61/293 and A/61/344–S/2006/741); *item 91* (A/61/130, A/61/130/Corr.1, A/61/137, A/61/157, A/61/163, A/61/215 and A/61/365); *item 92* (A/61/42 (Suppl. 42), A/61/180 and A/61/297); *item 93* (A/61/160 (Part II)); *item 94*; *item 95* (A/61/123); *item 96* (A/61/13 and A/61/184); and *item 97*

[Other documents: A/C.1/61/1, A/C.1/61/2 and A/C.1/61/INF/1]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. . . . 6th meeting . . . Conference Room

Agenda items 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39

General debate on all decolonization items: *item 35* (A/61/23 (chapters VII and XII) an A/61/70); *item 36* (A/61/23 (chapters V and XII)); *item 37* (A/61/23 (chapters VI and XII) and A/61/62); *item 38* (A/61/66); and *item 39* (A/61/23 and A/61/121)

1. *Hearing of petitioners*

   Western Sahara (A/C.4/61/4/Add.11, A/C.4/61/4/Add.20, A/C.4/61/4/Add.30, A/C.4/61/4/Add.31, A/C.4/61/4/Add.10, A/C.4/61/4/Add.9, A/C.4/61/4/Add.5 and A/C.4/61/4/Add.28)

2. *General debate*

3. *Action on draft resolutions and a draft decision relating to agenda items on decolonization (agenda items 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39)*

   (a) Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* the Charter of the United Nations . . . [3

   Draft resolution I (A/61/23, chapter XII)

(b) Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories [36]

Draft resolution II (A/61/23, chapter XII)

(c) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [37]

Draft resolution III (A/61/23, chapter XII)

(d) Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [38]

Draft resolution (A/C.4/61/L.4)

(e) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [39]

(i) Question of New Caledonia

Draft resolution IV (A/61/23, chapter XII)

(ii) Question of Tokelau

Draft resolution V (A/61/23, chapter XII)

(iii) Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

Draft resolution VI (A/61/23, chapter XII)

(iv) Dissemination of information on decolonization

Draft resolution VII (A/61/23, chapter XII)

(v) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Draft resolution VIII (A/61/23, chapter XII)

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1p.m. Conference Room 2

Presentation to the Second Committee on the findings of the ad hoc expert group meeting on "Strengthening the business sector and entrepreneurship in developing countries: The potential of diasporas", organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

[*Panellists*: Mr. Rajat Gupta, Senior Partner Worldwide, McKinsey and Co.; Mr. Chukwu-Emeka Chikezie, Executive Director, African Foundation for Development (AFFORD); Ms. Molly Pollack, Executive Director, Chile Global; Ms. Lisa Curtis, Private Sector Adviser, UK Department for International Development (DFID); and Ms. Wanja Michuki, Chief Executive Officer, Highland Tea Company]

[The event will be presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), Chairperson of the Second Committee, and moderated by Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, DESA. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.]

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference R

Informal briefing on human resources management, by Ms. Jan Beagle, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Ro

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Ro

Human resources management

Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

Drafting Committee

The Drafting Committee of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integ International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Digni Persons with Disabilities will hold an informal meeting (closed) *today*, 6 October from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Friday, 6 October 2006

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on international cooperation against the drug problem, u agenda item 98 (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference R

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations a Economic Cooperation Organization, under agenda item 108 (i) (convened by the delegation of Azerbaijan)

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference R

Other meetings

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Friday, 6 October 2006

2006 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room E
2–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

Group of 77 (meeting with the Secretary-General of the Association of Caribbean States)

10–11 a.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on debt)

11 a.m.–12 noon	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the international financial system)

12 noon–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on financing for development)

1.15–2.30 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on commodities)

3–4 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on international migration and development)

4–5 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1

Briefing by the Independent Expert to the countries that hosted regional consultations for the Global Study on Violence against Children

1.15–2.45 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room C

Informal exchange of views with the delegations of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States to the First Committee (organized by the United States Mission)

1.15–2 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Informal briefing for members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on "Safety and security issues related to peacekeeping operations, including an update on the implementation of Joint Operations Centres and Joint Mission Analysis Centres" (organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Safety and Security)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting *Conference Room 4*

Other activities

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Friday, 6 October 2006

Panel discussion on "The role of interreligious dialogue in conflict resolution" (organized by the United States Mission)

From 1.30 to 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjold Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerrypa@state.gov).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 6 October 2006

Room S-226

11 a.m. Mr. George H.W. Bush, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the South Asia Earthquake; and Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar, State Minister for Economic Affairs and Statistics of Pakistan (to mark the first anniversary of the earthquake that hit South Asia on 8 October 2005)

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

3 p.m. H.E. Mr. Erasmo Lara Peña, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic; Mr. Rubén Arturo Silié Valdez, Secretary-General of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS); Mr. Watson Denis, Political Adviser, ACS; Mr. John Williams, Chairman of the Caribbean Sea Commission, ACS; Mr. Selwin Hart, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Barbados; and Ms. Denise Lewis Martinez, Communications Officer, ACS (on designating the Caribbean Sea as a special area in the context of sustainable development)

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 9 October 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. 26th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary General (A/61/265) [72]. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary General (A/61/271) [73]: joint debate

2. Report of the International Criminal Court: note by the Secretary General (A/61/217) [74]

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

The open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will continue on Monday, 9 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

Second Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Vivian Pliner, Acting Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Keynote address

A keynote address on the theme "Globalization and interdependence: The future of globalization: Growing complexities and challenges and search for solutions" will be delivered by Dr. Kenneth Rogoff, Thomas D. Cabot Professor of Public Policy and Professor of Economics, Harvard University, Cambridge, on Monday, 9 October 20 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2.

The event, organized by the Office of Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), Chairperson of the Second Committee. Memb of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations are kindly requested to consult the draft programme work of the Third Committee (A/C.3/61/L.1) prior to contacting the Secretariat with request for inscription on the list (contact: Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722; 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Participants

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates a advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Monday, 9 October 2006, at 10 a in Conference Room 3.

The programme of work for the sixty-first session, as well as other relevant inform relating to the organization of work and the status of documentation, is available o Web site of the Fifth Committee and is regularly updated (<www.un.org/ga/61/fifth

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Fifth Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Fifth Committee (Ms. Catherina David-Dakay (tel. 1 (212) 963-9 fax 1 (212) 963-0360)).

Delegations are further reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted to Mr. Moyses Abelian, Secretar the Fifth Committee (room S-2633-A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, 10 October 2006, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The provisional programme of work for the sixty-first session, as well as other relevant information relating to the organization of work and the status of documentation, is available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee and is regularly updated (<www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/61/sixth61.htm>).

The hard copy of the report of the International Law Commission has been issued (A/61/10). Its electronic version is also available in all official languages at <http://untreaty.un.org/ilc/reports/2006/2006report.htm>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marissa Amores (tel. 1(212) 963-5332; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)).

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Second session

The second session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from Monday, 30 October, to Friday, 3 November 2006, in Conference Room XX, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of observers to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; e-mail ffdoffice@un.org). For further information, please contact Mr. Masa Ohyama, Financing for Development Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695; e-mail ohyama@un.org).

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on improving coordination of efforts against slavery and trafficking in persons, under agenda item 98 (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 11 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on transparency in armaments, under agenda item 90 (aa) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, under agenda item 90 (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Canada)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity, under agenda item 98 (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 3.30 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Wednesday, 11 October 2006, from 3.30 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects", under agenda item 90 (y) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa, in collaboration with the delegations of Colombia and Japan)

Tuesday, 10 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapon and on Their Destruction, under agenda item 90 (p) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Poland)

Tuesday, 10 October 2006, from 2 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal meeting on the draft resolution on conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus, under agenda item 90 (s) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and Germany)

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A.

Other forthcoming meetings

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African Group (Sixth Committee experts)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal exchanges of views (closed) with the delegations of the regional groups to the First Committee (organized by the United States Mission)

Group of Western European and Other States
Monday, 9 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Group of African States
Tuesday, 10 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Open-ended meeting on "Towards an Arms Trade Treaty: Establishing common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms" (organised by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Kenya and the United Kingdom)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 2 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal briefing on the evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries, followed by a brief informal presentation on the assessment of UNIDO-UNDP partnership agreement (organized by the United Nations Development Programme)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[Interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Mason Group (on First Committee matters) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

Tuesday, 10 October 2006, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Friends of the International Criminal Court
Tuesday, 10 October 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Briefing by the Chief Prosecutor of the Court
Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the Penthouse of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library.

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

Tuesday, 10 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Asian Group

Wednesday, 11 October 2006, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Asian Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Other forthcoming activities

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Panel discussion on "Global Study on Violence against Children – How to ensure its effective follow-up and implementation of recommendations" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Slovenia)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion on "The role of specific sectors in addressing, preventing and eliminating violence against women", to mark the presentation of the Secretary-General's in-depth study on all forms of violence against women to the General Assembly (organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend.]

Seminar on "Verifying the comprehensive nuclear test ban: Ten years of development" (sponsored by the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC) and facilitated by the Department for Disarmament Affairs)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, contact Ms. Jane Awford, VERTIC (tel. 011-44-207-065-0880).]

Update on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction — Planned commitments and joint resourcing (organized by the Permanent Missions of Ecuador and Switzerland and the ISDR secretariat)

Tuesday, 10 October 2006, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Elina Palm, ISDR New York Liaison Officer (e-mail palm@un.org).]

Tenth Rafael M. Salas Memorial Lecture on "The greatest challenge in the twenty-first century: Gender equality in development" (organized by the United Nations Population Fund)

Wednesday, 11 October 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion on "Institutional challenges to the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development" (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Ejeviome Otobo, Policy Analysis Unit, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 962-5006); or Ms. Rekia Soumana, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-9247; e-mail soumana@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Challenges of world population in the twenty-first century: Changing age structure of population and its consequences for development" (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Victor Gaigbe-Togbe, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-9900; e-mail gaigbe-togbe@un.org).]

Dialogue on "Towards implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (co-sponsored by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please consult the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii>.]

Launching of the report "Mairin Iwanka Raya, Indigenous Women Stand against Violence" (co-sponsored the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development DESA, the International Indigenous Women's Forum (HWF/FIMI) and MADRE, an international women human rights organization)

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please consult the following Web s <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii>.]

Announcements

Secretary-General's Lecture Series

The next lecture in the Secretary-General's Lecture Series will be held on Wednesday 11 October 2006, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsjöld Library Auditorium. Mr. Stephen Schlesinger, Director of the World Policy Institute at the New School University, will speak on the topic "Act of creation: The founding of the United Nations". The Secretary-General hosts this lecture series on topics at the forefront o the humanities and natural sciences, as part of a continuing effort to create a strengthened framework for dialogue and mutual understanding within the United Nations community. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representativ intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Strategic Planning Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General (tel. 1 (917) 367-3556).

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 4 October 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency o the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of th Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of th whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

UNITAR Fellowship Programme at Columbia University Law School and UNITAR Visitors Programme at New York University School of Law, for diplomats accredited to the United Nations

The deadline for registration is Monday, 23 October 2006. For further information, please contact the UNITAR office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org, or info@unitarny.org).

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 5 October 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

First Committee

5th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items. Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Morocco, Bolivia, the United States, Burkina Faso, El Salvador, Pakistan, Myanmar, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Lebanon, the Sudan, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Jamaica, Lesotho (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community) and Fiji, as well as the observer for the Holy See.

In the exercise of the right of reply, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

5th meeting

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of work.

Hearing of petitioners

Question of Western Sahara

Statements were made by Ms. Janet Lenz, Christ the Rock Community Church (A/C.4/61/4/Add.4); Mr. Prudencio Javier Morillas Gómez (A/C.4/61/4/Add.35); Mr. Jan Strömdahl, Swedish Western Sahara Committee (A/C.4/61/4/Add.6); Lord Newall, DL, International Committee for the Tindouf Prisoners (A/C.4/61/4/Add.22); Ms. Latifa Ait-Baala, Action Internationale Femmes (A/C.4/61/4/Add.34); Mr. Isaac Castellano Sangines (A/C.4/61/4/Add.32); Ms. Sandra Cioffi, Popolari Udeur Group in the Commission Foreign Affaires Italian Parliament (A/C.4/61/4/Add.25); Ms. Tanya Warburg, Freedom For All (A/C.4/61/4/Add.12); Mr. Francisco José Alonso Rodriguez, Human Rights League (A/C.4/61/4/Add.13); Mr. Txomin Aurrekoetxea, FEDISSAH (A/C.4/61/4/Add.15); Ms. Maria Ines Miranda Navarro, Observer Mission in the Western Sahara (A/C.4/61/4/Add.16); Mr. Sydney S. Assor, Surrey Three Faiths Forum (A/C.4/61/4/Add.17); Mrs. Jane Bahaijoub, Family Protection (A/C.4/61/4/Add.18); Mr. Samuele Piccolo, Community of Rome (A/C.4/61/4/Add.29); Mr. Nicola Quatrano (A/C.4/61/4/Add.21); Mr. Mohamed El Mojahdi, Sahraouie Human Rights Association (ASDH) (A/C.4/61/4/Add.8); and Mr. Denis Ducarme, Member of the Belgium Parliament (A/C.4/61/4/Add.23).

The representative of Cuba made comments.

Ms. Anna Maria Stame Cervone, Christian Democrat and People's Parties International (A/C.4/61/4/Add.24); Mr. Claude Moniquet, European Strategic Intelligence and Security Center (A/C.4/61/4/Add.27); and Ms. Jacinta De Roeck, President of Parliamentary Group "Peace for the Sahrawi People" (A/C.4/61/4/Add.33), made statements.

Question of New Caledonia

On the basis of a decision taken at the 2nd meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Rafael Mapou, Comité Rheebu Nuu (A/C.4/61/5).

Right of reply

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of work.

Third Committee

6th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [98]

International drug control [99]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Japan, China, Mexico, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Ghana, the Republic of Korea, Cuba, Singapore, Viet Nam, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Algeria, the Russian Federation, Israel, Laos People's Democratic Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Myanmar, India, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Kenya, the Syrian Arab Republic and Thailand.

7th meeting

The Committee continued its general discussion of agenda items 98 and 99 and heard statements by the representatives of Afghanistan, Morocco, Malaysia, Nepal, Nigeria, Albania, Armenia, El Salvador, Cameroon and Lebanon.

The representatives of the International Organization for Migration and International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) made statements.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 98 and 99 was Friday, 6 October, at 1 p.m.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of items 98 and 99.

Right of reply

The representative of Lebanon made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Ratification: Georgia (4 October 2006)[1]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Philippines (5 October 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for As and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transpo and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 200 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on beh a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Creden alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement co notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to th Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New Yor (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for th month of *October 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Gambia
H.E. Mr. Crispin Grey-Johnson

Asian States:
Japan
H.E. Mr. Kenzo Oshima

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Diego Cordovez

Western European and other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Thursday, 5 October 2006.

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A/60/PV.100	Meeting held on 11 September 2006, 10 a.m. [S]
A/60/PV.101	Meeting held on 11 September 2006, 3 p.m. [S]
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A/61/286	Item 54 (a) of the provisional agenda — Globalization and interdependence: globalization and interdependence — Role of innovation, science and technology in

	pursuing development in the context of globalization — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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A/61/307	Item 56 (a) of the provisional agenda — Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) — Observance of the International Year of Microcredit, 2005 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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A/61/319	Item 121 of the provisional agenda — Human resources management — Management Performance Board — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/333	Item 65 of the provisional agenda — Right of peoples to self-determination — Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/474	Item 148 — Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country — Letter dated 28 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/479	Item 117 — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Identification of additional resources for the Development Account — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/61/482–S/2006/785	Item 13 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 2 October 2006 from the Charge d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2006/653	Letter dated 3 August 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [C E F R S]
S/2006/764	Monthly report of the Secretary-General on Darfur [A C E F R S]
A/61/482–S/2006/785	Identical letters dated 2 October 2006 from the Charge d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

Documents

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Second session

E/C.18/2006/6 Revision of the wording of article 26 of the United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention between Developed and Developing Countries [A C E F R S]

Communications to the Editor

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